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TO RICHARD T. KENNEDY

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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE  
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

TO: RICHARD T. KENNEDY

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. APPARENTLY HERB KLEIN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH KEN CLAWSON ABOUT HAVING THE NAVY FILM CREW WHO IS WITH YOU PHOTOGRAPH THE PRISONER RELEASE IN HANOI. I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE EMPHASIZED TO HERB THAT HE SHOULD DEAL THROUGH YOU AND HAK ON THESE MATTERS AND NOT COMMUNICATE ON HIS OWN.

FYI: DOD PLANS TO HAVE THREE PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE ADVANCE PARTY WHICH WILL ARRIVE IN HANOI THREE HOURS BEFORE RELEASE TIME FOR THE FIRST POW'S AND ONE ON EACH MEDIVAC PLANE. GENERAL WOODWARD SAYS HE HAS CLEARED THIS WITH DRV THROUGH FPJMC. I HAVE NO STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT YOUR CAMERA CREW BEING INVOLVED BUT IT MAY INDICATE A LINKAGE BETWEEN YOUR PARTY AND THE POW'S WHICH IS NOT DESIRABLE.

2. AS YOU MAY KNOW, WE HAVE TENTATIVELY PLANNED RELEASE TIME FOR THE PICTURES OF YOUR HANOI VISIT FOR 48 HOURS FOLLOWING YOUR DEPARTURE FROM HANOI. TENTATIVE RELEASE TIME FOR THE COMMUNIQUE IS 1000 HOURS FEBRUARY 14 (WASHINGTON TIME). BOTH OF THESE RELEASE TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO YOUR POSITIVE CONFIRMATION.

3. FYI: SECRETARY RICHARDSON ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE U. S. AIR EFFORT IN LAOS IS AVERAGING 280 SORTIES PER DAY, INCLUDING TACAIR AND B-52'S.

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